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SUBJ: SOVIET TELEVISION TEAM IN UAE

1. ON ROUTINE CALL ON ABDULLAH DAOUD OF MINYINFO AND TOURISM ON APRIL 22, EMBOFFS OBSERVED EUROPEAN DISCUSSING ENTRY PERMITS WITH DAOUD AND MINYINTERIOR REP. EUROPEAN SPOKE REASONABLY FLUENT ARABIC BUT WITH INCIDENTAL GRAMMATICAL AND PRONUNCIATION MISTAKES.

2. WHEN EUROPEAN VISITOR LEFT, DAOUD EXPLAINED THAT THE LEADER OF THREE-MAN FILM CREW FROM "MOSCOS" TV, WHICH FILMING PROGRAM IN UAE. DAOUD HASTENED TO VOLUNTEER THAT RUSSIANS TURNED UP UNANNOUNCED AND UNINVITED AT ABU DHABI AIRPORT AND OBTAINED 96-HOUR LANDING PERMIT. DAOUD BELIEVED THEY HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN IN KUWAIT. HE SAID MFA, IN CONSULTATION WITH MINYINTERIOR, HAD
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DECIDED ASSIST IN CONVERTING 96-HOUR PERMIT INTO GENUINE

VISA WHICH WOULD PERMIT LONGER STAY IN ORDER AVOID EMBARRASSING INCIDENT.

3. TEAM HAS BEEN PRESENT ABU DHABI FOR SEVERAL DAYS AND PLANS PROCEED TO DUBAI AND NORTHERN EMIRATES APRIL 23. FULL LENGTH OF STAY IN UAE UNKNOWN AT THIS TIME.

4. IMPRESSION OF EMBOFFS WAS THAT DAOUD AT LEAST AND MFA NOT PARTICULARLY PLEASED WITH THIS SOVIET MANEUVER AND SUSPECT THEY UNDER MINYINTERIOR SURVEILLANCE. DAOUD SAYS ALL THREE SOVIETS SPEAK ARABIC AND THAT THEY FROM CENTRAL ASIA, BUT PERSON SIGHTED AT LEAST WOULD APPEAR MORE LIKELY BE BALTIC ORIGIN AND HAD ENGLISH ACCENT APPROXIMATING THAT OF DUTCHMAN. EMBASSY WILL REPORT ANY FURTHER INFO OBTAINED RE IDENTITIES OF SOVIETS AND THEIR ACTIVITIES IN UAE.
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